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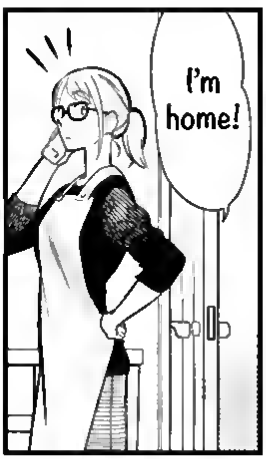
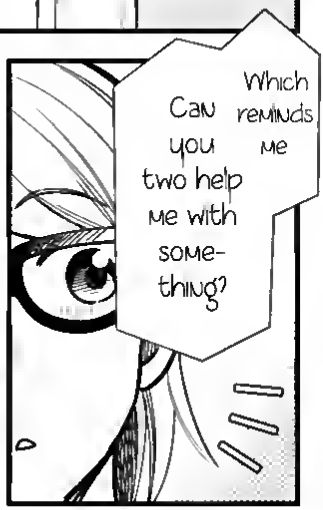
Yeah, I'm glad you're feeling better, Mom.
We're doing fine. Nothing particularly noteworthy has happened this month.
That's good to hear.


I'm home!

What is it?
I'll contact you again once a date is decided,
but I want you to.


Which reminds me
Can you two help me with some-thing?

SWOOSH
SWOOSH

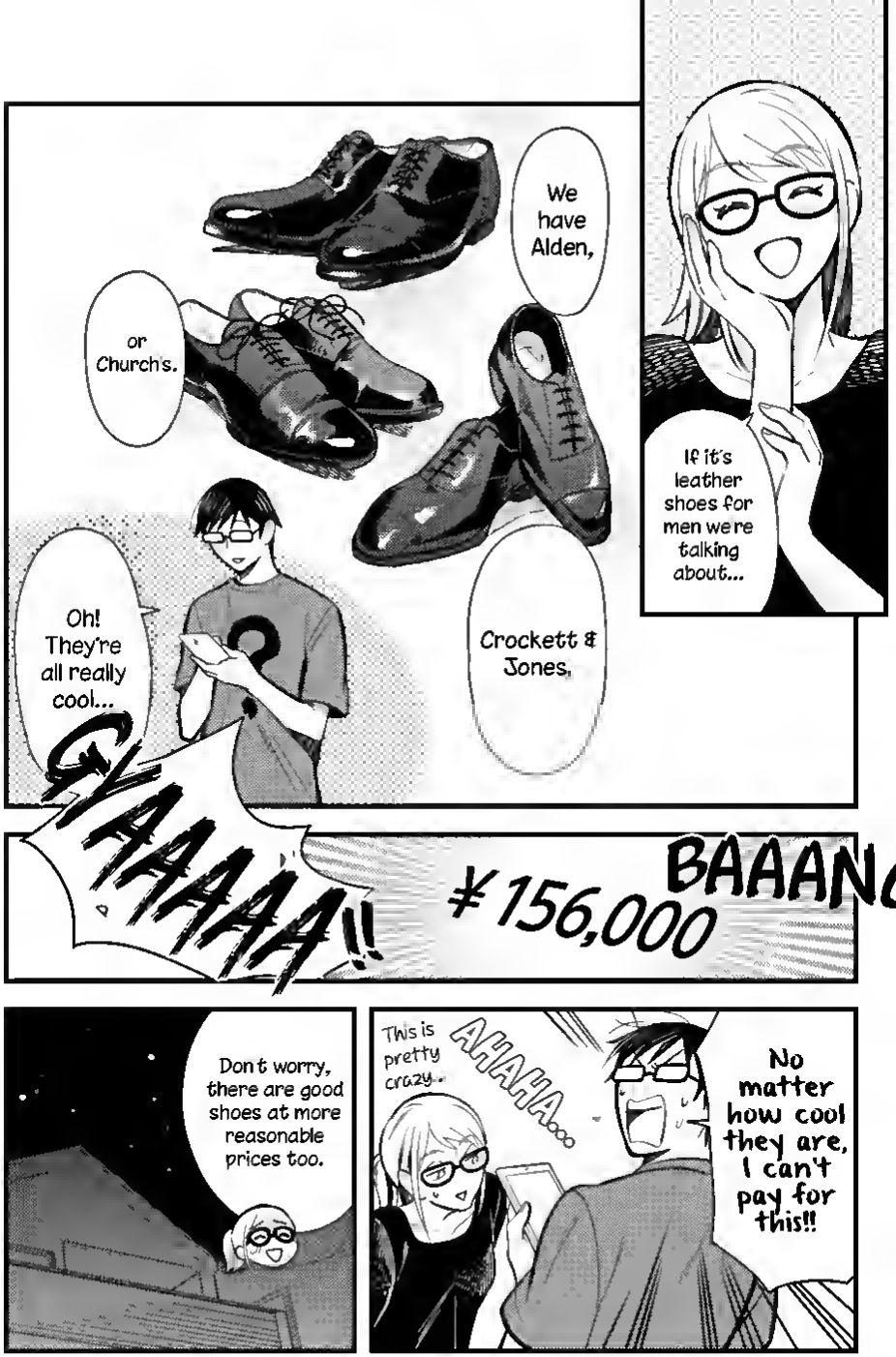
Onii-chan is swaying right and left with a massive grin on his face...
I don't know either...
What's wrong?
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
...eh?

Getting in the groove!?
I'm getting in the groove and expressing my happiness!
And why's that? U_U
It means ...
Can't you tell from looking!?
Can't you tell from looking!?

Ahaha...
Ururu
Point
Bonus
SHINE
I got a bonus!!!
BE THE OLDER BROTHER IN THE HOUSE!!
Uwaa
YOU ALWAYS LEAVE EVERYTHING TO YOUR LITTLE SISTER...
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO SCREW AROUND!?
YUU-SUKE!!
Not really?
Seems like she was about to ask us a favor...
Did Mom tell you anything?
Hmmm, oh well...
Clack
Don't call again!
I'm doing my best in my own way!
Don't just assume things...
Gyaa
Gyaa

I bought a game I wanted and still have money to spare...
Bonuses are amazing!
Ama-zing!
I was thinking about buying a nice piece of clothing too.
Do you have any good recommen-dations?
A pair of shoes?
A leather pair of shoes.
Ooh
Leather shoes...
Let's see now...

Those are dress shoes.
Hm?
But I already have a pair of leather shoes, right?
We can't let it take away from our casual feel.
but it does feel a little odd...
Well, it's not like they can't be used for casual wear or anything,
Then that means I should buy a more casual pair of shoes.
so these shoes might overlap with your pair of slacks in being the "formal" element.
Furthermore, this is the season when we should aim for a more casual feel when choosing tops

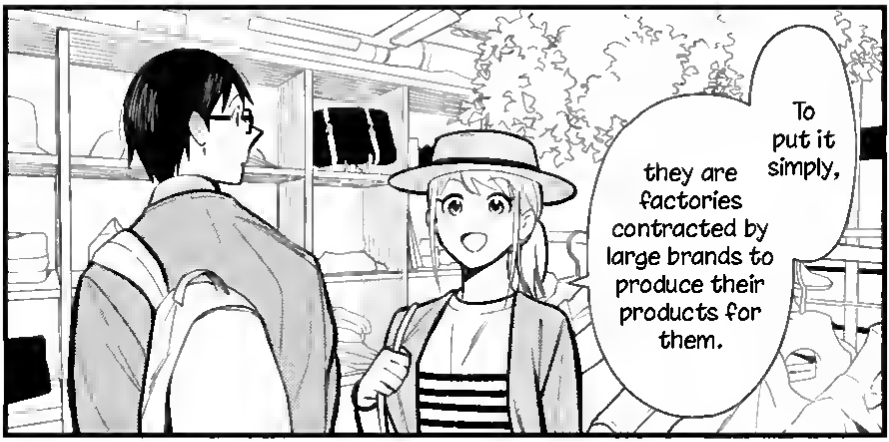

If it's leather shoes for men we're talking about...
We have Alden,
or Church's.
Crockett & Jones,
Oh! They're all really cool...
GYAAAAA!!
¥156,000
BAAANG
Don't worry, there are good shoes at more reasonable prices too.
This is pretty crazy...
AHAHA...
No matter how cool they are, I can't pay for this!!

下北沢駅
KEIO
Birds eye
Here we are!
They sell the pair I recommended to you here.
We can just buy them online
but shoes are the one thing you really have to try on yourself.
I do have to try actually put them on to tell if they fits or not...

THE
Birds eye
FACTOTUM
Onii-chan, over here!

but a pair of low-cut would go really well with spring-summer clothes.
There are many types of leather shoes here,
I recommend trying these dance shoes.
And among all of these
Shark soles
Many small parts
Platform shoes
Ah~ I guess there are those too~
I've always had this image for leather shoes...
Ooh
These are leather shoes too?

And the pair of dance shoes I recommend...
A mature looking pair of shoes
should have thinner soles and low toe caps.
Sole
Toe tip
That way they will have a weaker presence and can go well with anything.
are these Padrone branded ones.
Ooh!
Onii-chan, do you know what a "Factory Brand" is?
Just what the hell is this...
They look great while still being affordable.
Wave
But their price...
Uwahh
...is cheaper than I thought!!
¥19,000


To put it simply,
they are factories contracted by large brands to produce their products for them.

Their quality does not differ from famous brands, but their price is much more manageable.
but they also have an unique start up brand, which is Padrone.
They handle the production for famous bronds like COMME des GARÇONS

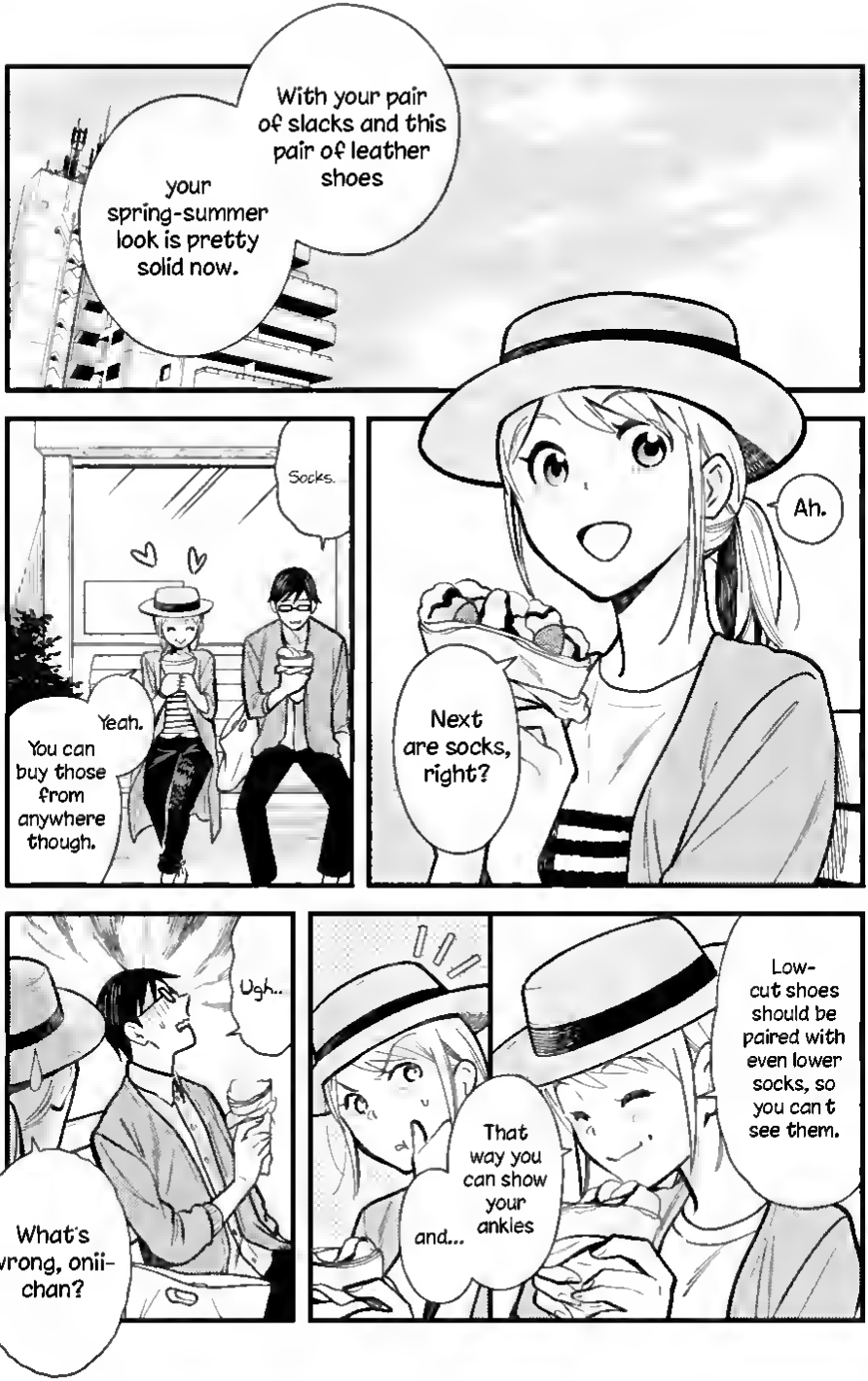
Yeah
Wanna try them on?

Fidget
Fidget
Ooh, that sounds like a bargain.
This is pretty great.

Yeah, that looks great!
The price is low, but the quality is good!
You can't even see the edges! They're so cool and simple!
Uwaah, what is this!
I'm getting all tensed up!
Tremble tremble
Fidget fidget
Is this because it's the first time I've worn leather shoes for casual wear?
Yeah...
This is good...

Why did you choose brown?
Wait, onii-chan!
Eh?
Alright
Let's buy these.
Reach
Monotone is the basis of your co-ordination, onii-chan,
so a black pair of shoes like your sneakers is much better, in my opinion...
Eh!?
Really...
I just somehow felt like leather shoes should naturally be brown....
What a strange precon-ception!!
Your purchase is a pair of black 41.
French size

The sole is also leather.
Yeah.
Its merit is its breath-ability.
That's why right after you've bought them
you should bring them to a shoe repair shop and put on some rubber.
But you can slip very easily, and it'll be hard to walk around in the rain.
Because there are holes...
There are a lot of things that needs to be fixed up after you buy a pair of leather shoes.
It's best if you do them right after you buy them.
Really? That's so bother-some...
Fixing up a pair of leather shoes is really important!
Really
then let's bring them there right away.
Let's get something to eat on the way too!


With your pair of slacks and this pair of leather shoes
your spring-summer look is pretty solid now.
Socks.
Yeah.
You can buy those from anywhere though.
Ah.
Next are socks, right?
Ugh..
What's wrong, onii-chan?
That way you can show your ankles
and...
Low-cut shoes should be paired with even lower socks, so you can't see them.

Fwoo...
I'm getting sick of the cream...

chew
chew
chew
chew...
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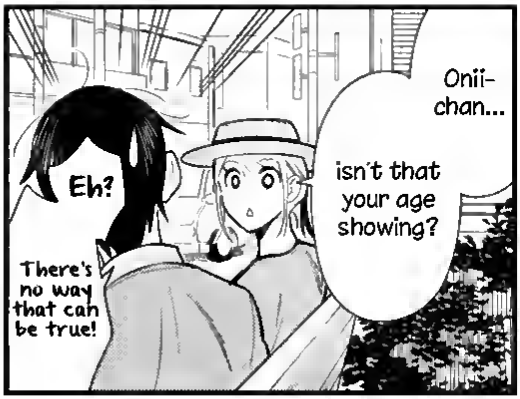
Onii-chan...
isn't that your age showing?
Eh?
There's no way that can be true!

Alright!
You can have the rest...
Fwoo...

#22 END

MB's Note #22

Time for leather shoes!

Leather shoes are generally very expensive. Unless you're buying something especially cheap, you need to be ready to part ways with several 10,000 yen notes. But even though you might have resigned yourself into thinking "I'll buy leather shoes later" or "I'll make do with sneakers for now", having leather shoes at an early stage is important.

You might be thinking "So I still need a lot of money for fashion after all?", but fret not! Other than leather shoes, there are a ton of cheap and quality leather footwears out there, and leather shoes are really the only kind you have to pay a steep price for. All you need now is about 20,000 yen, and enough courage to take a big step forward.

But why am I pushing for leather shoes so much? That is because of how the "tip of the foot" stands out so much. As anyone who has tried to coordinate leather shoes into their casual wear even once can attest to, they make your entire look surprisingly more mature. The tip of your shoes are the foremost point of your entire frontside and is the point others' gazes focus upon. There is a saying that "fashion starts from the tip of your toes." So try a pair of mature looking leather shoes with a pair of tattered denims, and you'll be surprised by how incredible you'll look.

Also, it's very hard for a pair of leather shoes to be damaged to the point of being unusable. Shoe repair shops are practically in every train station ever. If the sole gets damaged, you can just peel it off and swap in new ones (there are a few exceptions). If it get scratched or dirty, you can cover it up with manicure and it'll look good as new. If kept carefully, it's not rare for a pair of leather shoes to last you over 10 years. When you think about it like that, that 20,000 yen you spent doesn't seem too bad now, does it?

Sandals are nice too!

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